

MINUTES

TWIN COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION
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Regular Session Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m. – 4/20/2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pearson, Dill, Berman, Hartz, Furlong and Sauve

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Airport Manager Spreen, Nancy Douglas, Eagle Herald, Peshtigo Times, and Bay Cities Radio

1. Call to order.

Pearson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve/Amend agenda

Motion (Dill/Sauve) to approve agenda as presented. Motion carries. No negative votes.

4. Approve/amend minutes

3/16/2011 Regular Meeting

3/3/2011 Special Meeting

Motion (Dill/Sauve) to approve Regular Meeting minutes with correction: Furlong was late due to wrong time on email. Motion carries. No negative votes.

Motion (Dill/Sauve) to approve Special Meeting minutes as printed. Motion carries. No negative votes.

5. Public comment

None

6. Discuss/consider Airport Task Force recommendation or make recommendation on Explorer Solutions proposal, action if any.

Discussion:

Nancy Douglas, director of the Menominee Business Development Corp organized a Task Force that included, TCAC members, James Furlong and Dale Berman. Also asked to be included were; Jerry Mullins, president and chief executive officer of Enstrom Helicopter Corp.; Frank Pohlmann, former president of Karl Schmidt Unisia and a member of the Menominee City Council; Scott Wellens, a marine engineer with Marinette Marine Corp.; Paul Putnam, UW-Extension Community Resource Development educator for Marinette County; and Tim Spreen, airport manager.

The Task force met twice.

- The first was to familiarize the committee with the proposal from Explorer Solutions. The committee had it about a week, read through it and had a number of questions. A few contacted other airports that were using Explorer Solutions services. Then the Task Force asked for more information and which at that point, Nancy contacted Vikki Kulja, executive director of the "green" airport coalition, called Telkite Technology Park at Sawyer Int. Airport. She was the first person in the U.P. to work with Explorer Solutions and is now with two other airports, Delta and Houghton County.
- The second was to invite Vikki to the next meeting and there she was able to answer any and all questions that the committee had and which now are very informed.

Nancy tells the commission that the committee recognizes that the airport is a multi-million dollar asset and that this process that Explorer Solutions brought to us can help us exploit this asset to improve our economy and benefit our entire community. The alternative to Explorer Solutions, as we see it, is to do nothing and maintain status quo. In our research we encountered only positive feedback from everyone we talked to. There were no negatives about Explorer Solutions. Our caveats are, that this will be a long and expensive process. It will require a lot of commitment from our community, elected officials, community leaders, businesses and industry. Those folks will have to actively precipitate in and manage the process.

The Task Force Committee recommends to the TCAC that they start phase I at this time and moving to phase II and III will depend on the results of phase I and the ability to finance.

Jim Pearson thanks Nancy very much for the time spent into this and hopes that she would tell each member on the task force that what they have done greatly helps out their community.

Nancy mentions that she is really excited and thinks for the first time that there is serious effort that can be made here. She also says that she has been coming to airport meetings for a long time, we all talk about wanting to do some development out here and we can never get our arms around it because we simply haven't had the resources. She thinks that this company presents us that opportunity.

Motion (Hartz/Berman) to move this issue forward to the Menominee and Marinette County Administrators to organize a joint meeting with county boards, cities and townships that are within the airport boundaries and have Explorer Solutions present their proposal. Motion carries, no negative votes

7. Discuss/consider the standing committees chairperson selection, action if any

Motion (Hartz/Furlong) to have each individual committee come up with a chairman. Motion carries, no negatives votes.

8. Discuss/consider airport bill paying procedure, action if any.

Motion (Hartz/Furlong) to give airport manager the ability to pay bills with a board signature. Motion carries. No negative votes.

9. Discuss/consider fiscal year 2010 financial audit, action if any.

Motion (Sauve/Berman) to move forward to the next meeting. Motion carries. No negative votes.

10. Managers report:

- **Discuss/consider Profit and Loss for 3/2010, action if any**
- **Discuss/consider Recon Summary for 3/2010, action if any**
- **Discuss/consider Vendor balance for 3/2010, Action if any**
- **Discuss/consider Customer balance for 3/2010, action if any**

- **Discuss/consider Check Detail and paying monthly bills for 3/2010 and 4/2011 action if any**
- **Discuss/consider Airport Traffic for 3/2010, action if any**

Motion (Berman/Hartz) to accept Managers report and to put all on file. Motion carries, no negative votes.

11. Communication/correspondence.

None

12. Dialog between Manager and TCAC.

None

13. Dialog between airport users and the TCAC

None

14. Public comment.

None

15. Schedule next meeting

4:00 p.m., 5/18/2011

16. Adjourn

Motion (/Dill/Hartz) to adjourn. Motion carried. No negative Votes.